

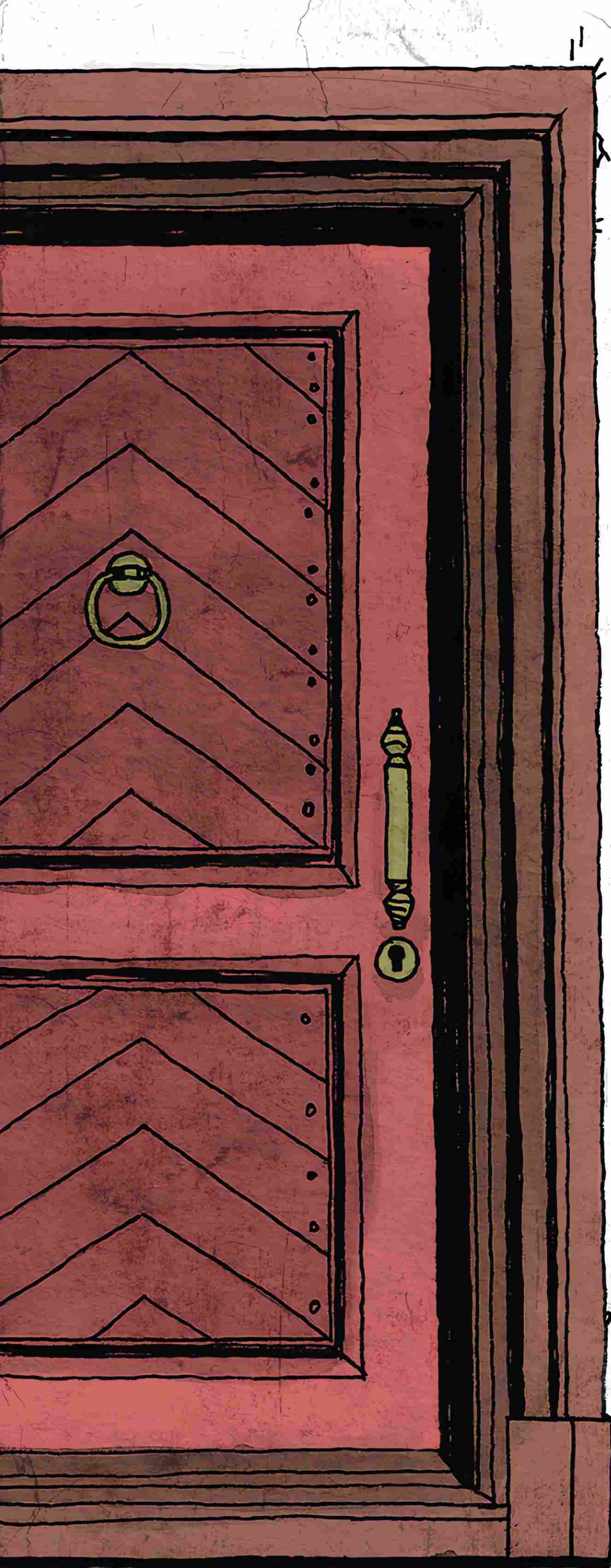
SCARLET WITCH



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*If your
NEED IS GREAT
and your
HOPE IS GONE,
there you will meet the...*

SCARLET WITCH

Wanda Maximoff has opened a witchcraft shop called Emporium, which, in addition to selling magical remedies, is also home to the Last Door, a portal that appears only to those with nowhere else to turn. Wanda has vowed to help anyone who comes through the Last Door—even when giving aid conflicts with her own allegiances.

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YOU LIMP
FASCISTS WOULD
DEFEND A
MASSACRE!



ENOUGH,
SPINSTER! YOU'VE
ASSAULTED IMPERIALS--
YOU'RE NOW PROPERTY
OF THE PURSUER
CORPS!



YOU CAN
PURSUE ME
TO HELL, YOU--
WAIT. NO!

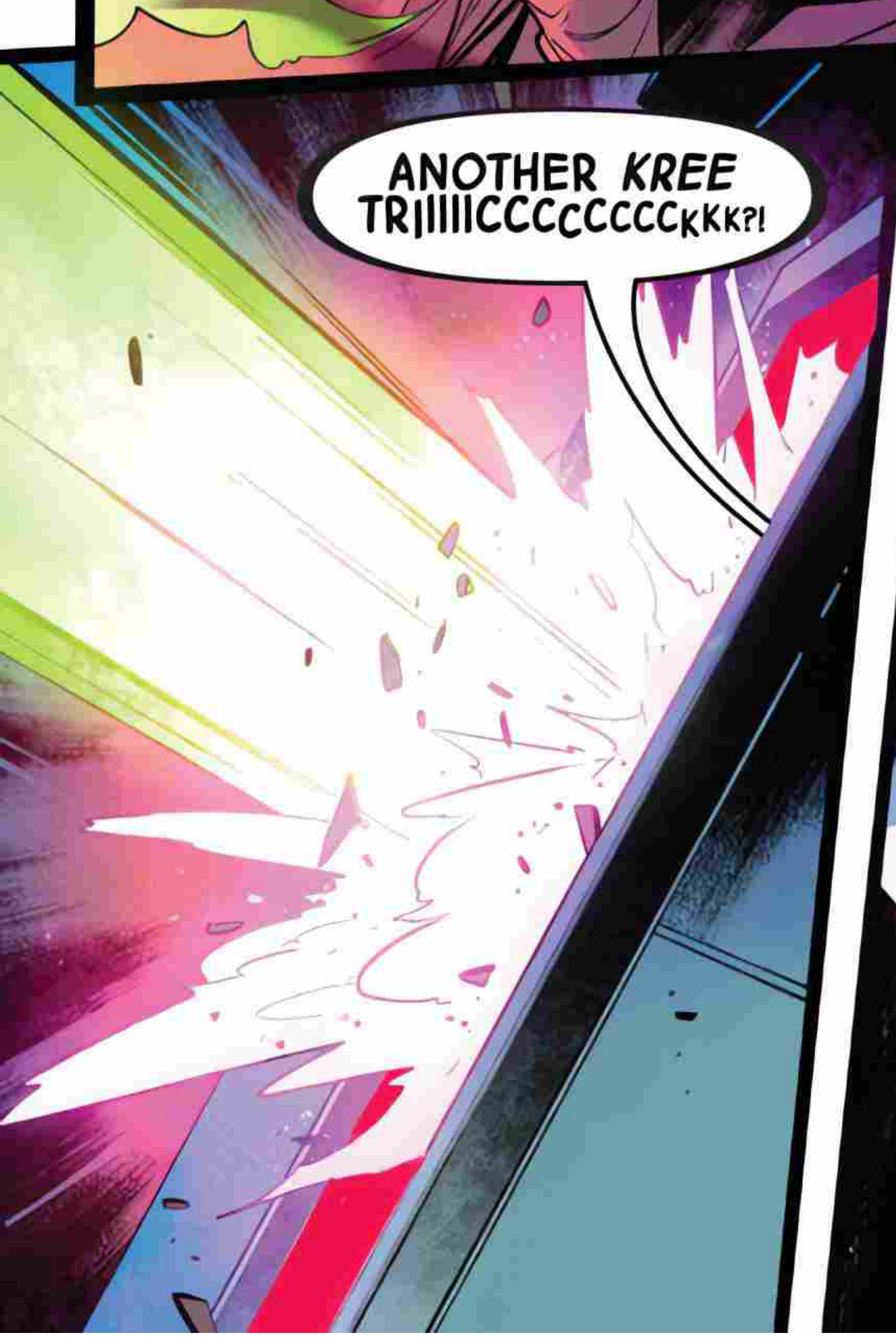
THE
DOOR--WHAT
IS THIS?



ANOTHER KREE
TRIIIIICCCCCCKKK?!

D'AST--
SHE'S GONE!
SCAN THE
HANGAR!

GIVE ME
THERMAL AND
BIOSPECTRAL--
NOW!



...THERE'S
NOTHING. NO
TELEPORTATION
RESIDUE. AND THE
DOOR...

...WAS IT
NOT RED
AN INSTANT
AGO?



YOU ARE THE **SCARLET WITCH**.
A **SPACE PALADIN** JUST FELL
THROUGH YOUR DOOR.

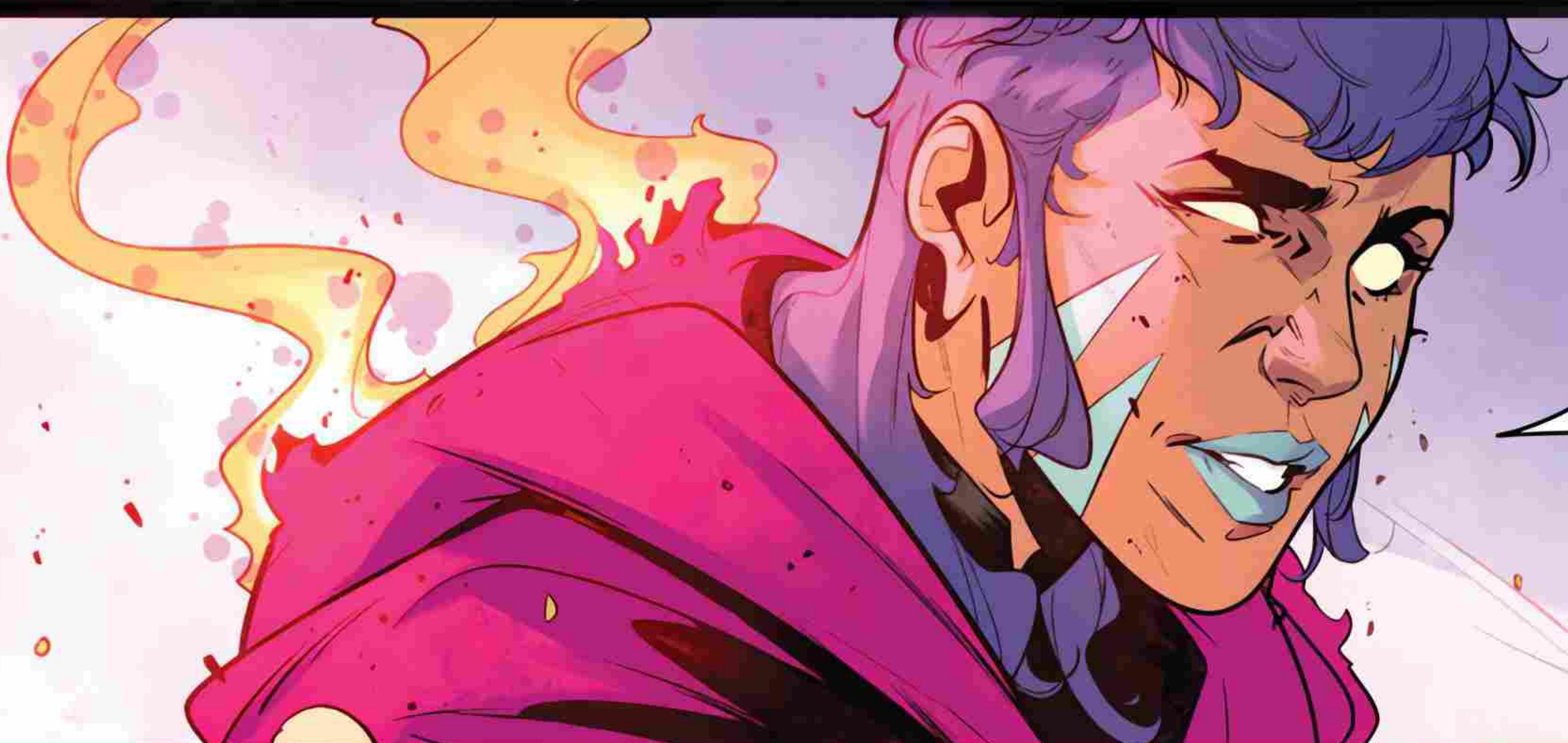
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ON FIRE.

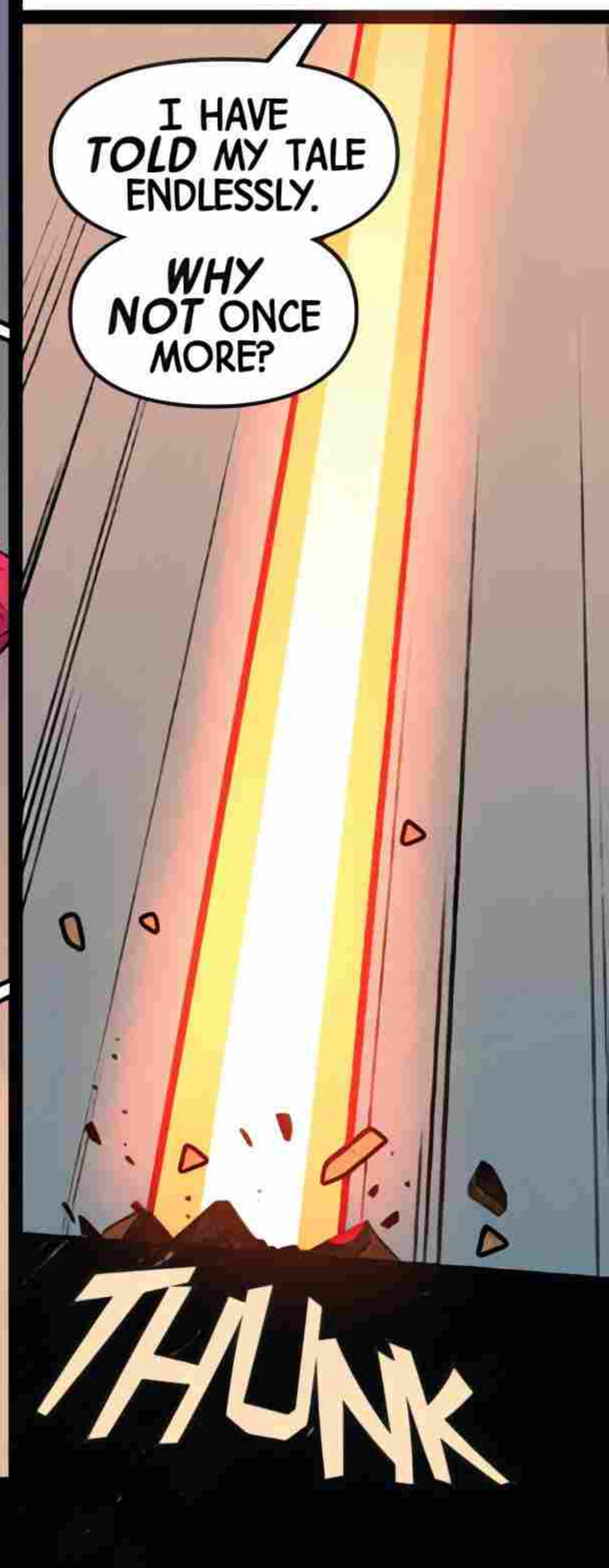
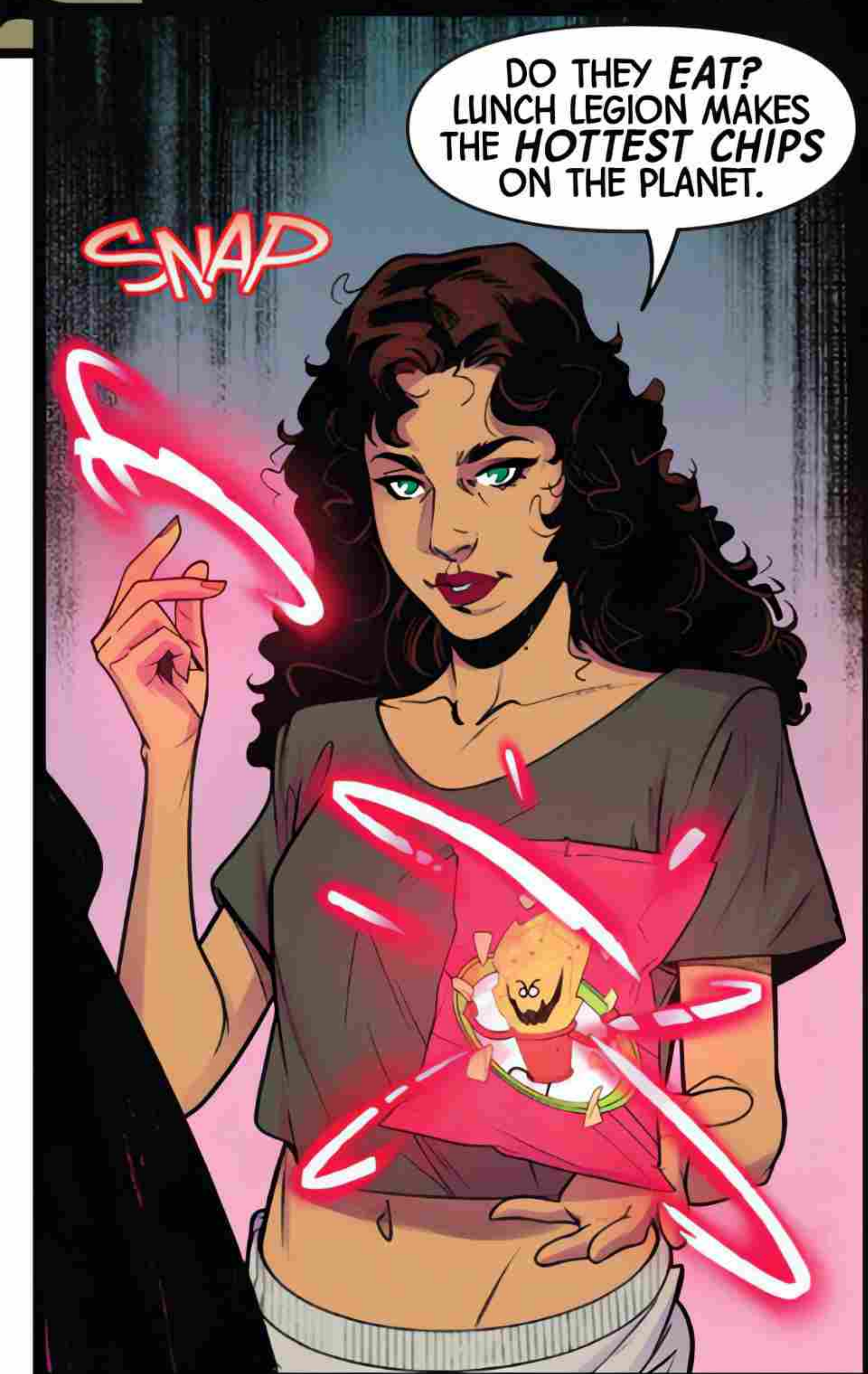
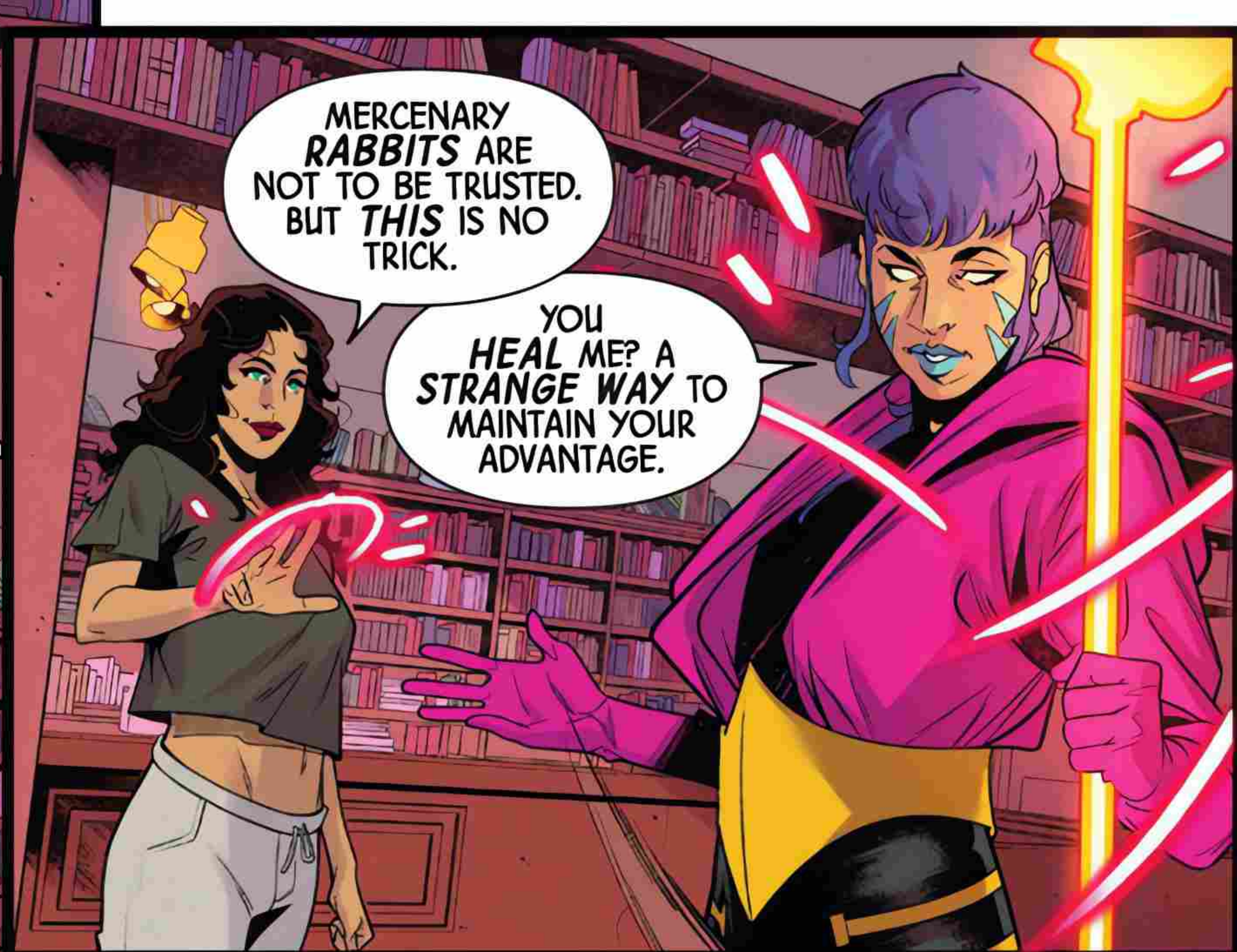
WEAPONIZED
TELEPORTATION...AN
EFFICIENT PLOY, BUT
KNOW THIS...

...IF
YOU **SEEK** MY
DEATH, IF THIS IS
SOME **PURSUER**
TRAP...



I WILL
NÖT MAKE IT
EASY.







I AM **GANYMEDE**.
LAST SURVIVOR OF THE
ARCHSISTERHOOD.

AN ANCIENT
ORDER AND ENEMY
TO THE MOST PRIMAL
OF URGES--
OPPRESSION.

FOR **BILLIONS**
OF YEARS, WE FOUGHT.
FOES CALLED US "THE
SPINSTERHOOD."

A **MOCKERY**
OF OUR VOWS--
HUMILITY, ABSTINENCE
AND CONFIDENCE.

AFTER DEFEATING
A **GREAT TYRANT**, WE
RESTED. SCATTERED IN
CRYOSLEEP--MY **SISTERS**
DIED IN STASIS.

I LONG
BELIEVED THIS
WAS A TRAGIC
ACCIDENT, BUT **NO**.
A FEW CYCLES
BACK...

...A ROUTINE
INTERROGATION REVEALED
MY PEOPLE'S DEATH WAS
INTENDED.



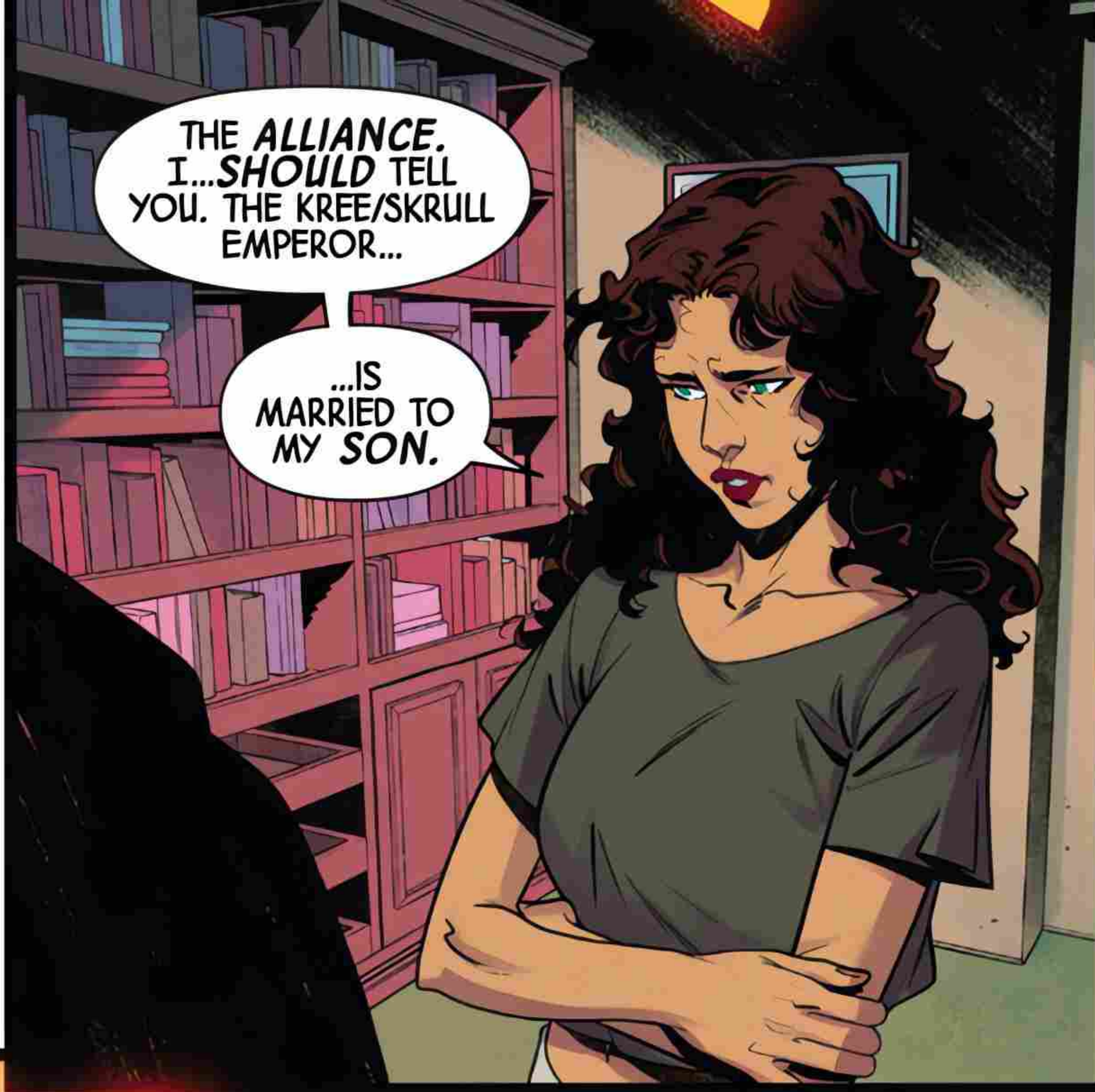
A HIDDEN
GENOCIDE BY
A CONQUERING
EMPIRE FEARING
OUR **REBUKE**.

THE **SKRULL**
EMPIRE.



WHICH, YES...IS
NOW **STRONGER THAN**
EVER AS THE **KREE/SKRULL**
ALLIANCE UNDER
DORREK-VELL.

MY **SISTERS**
MUST BE **AVENGED**,
BUT **AVENGING**
THEM IS ALL BUT
HOPELESS.



THE **ALLIANCE**.
I...**SHOULD** TELL
YOU. THE KREE/SKRULL
EMPEROR...

...IS
MARRIED TO
MY SON.



THEN YOUR
SON HAS INHERITED
RESPONSIBILITY FOR
THE DEATHS OF
THOUSANDS.

crunch



UNFORTUNATE,
MY **HUNGER** WAS
MIGHTIER THAN YOUR
HELL CRISPS.

SO
MUCH FOR
HUMILITY.

...THE
VOW IS MORE
AN **ASPIRATION**
THAN A **RULE**.



BILLY AND
TEDDY ONLY JUST
TOOK REGENCY OF THE
ALLIANCE. THEY **NEED**
TO KNOW WHAT'S
HAPPENED.

SNAP

AND **YOU**
DESERVE THE WHOLE
TRUTH. I'LL **SECURE**
AN **AUDIENCE** FOR
US BOTH.

THERE--MORE
CHIPS. THEY'LL
BE HERE WHEN
WE RETURN.



YOU WILL PLEAD MY CASE
TO ONE OF THE MOST
POWERFUL RULERS
IN THE **KNOWN**
GALAXY?

YOU? A
CRISP CONJURER
AND **PEDDLER** OF
TRIFLES?



DON'T
JUDGE UNTIL
YOU'VE SEEN
MY **WORK**
CLOTHES.

NOW, SHALL
WE **PETITION** MY
SON-IN-LAW?

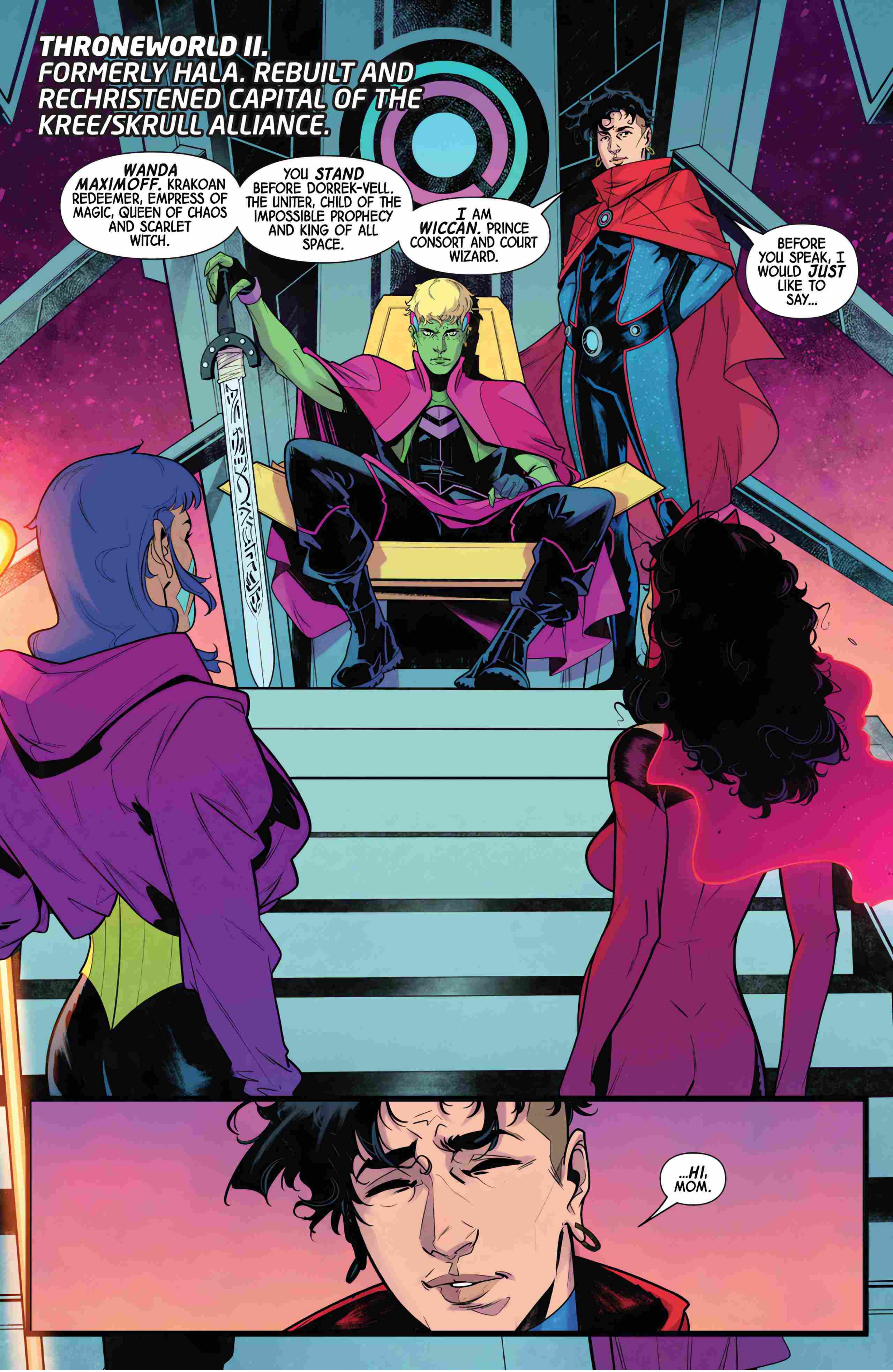
**THRONeworld II.
FORMERLY HALA. REBUILT AND
RECHRISTENED CAPITAL OF THE
KREE/SKRULL ALLIANCE.**

**WANDA
MAXIMOFF.** KRAKOAN
REDEEMER, EMPRESS OF
MAGIC, QUEEN OF CHAOS
AND SCARLET
WITCH.

YOU **STAND**
BEFORE DORREK-VELL.
THE UNITER, CHILD OF THE
IMPOSSIBLE PROPHECY
AND KING OF ALL
SPACE.

I AM
WICCAN. PRINCE
CONSORT AND COURT
WIZARD.

BEFORE
YOU SPEAK, I
WOULD **JUST**
LIKE TO
SAY...



...HI,
MOM.





I DISAGREE.



AND SO
DO YOU.
OUR FAMILY HAS
ALWAYS HAD
POWER.

YOU'RE
NO DIFFERENT--
WHEN YOU
BELIEVE IN YOUR
ACTIONS.



UNIFIED KREE/SKRULL ARCHIVES.



WHAT AN INCREDIBLE DESIGN. IT'S BEAUTIFUL.

THE **TUNNEL'S** CHRONOLOGICAL-- BILLY'S IDEA. A PHYSICAL AND MENTAL JOURNEY THROUGH OUR PAST.



HERE, A **SKRULL** FILE ON THE **ARCHSISTERHOOD**. CLASSIFIED. FOR **RULING EYES ONLY**.

NOT A **HUGE SHOCK**... SINCE IT'S SOMETHING WE'D **ALL** RATHER NOT KNOW.



THE **ENTRY** SPEAKS OF THE **ARCHSISTERHOOD'S CULLING**.

DOES IT, TEDDY? DID THE **SKRULLS** REALLY **ERADICATE** THEM?

...YES. HER PEOPLE **WERE** KILLED IN **STASIS**. BY **BLOOD SKRULLS**.

ESSENTIALISTS WHO REJECTED THE SCIENCE THAT GAVE US **SUPER-SKRULLS**. TO **THEM**...



...ONLY A STRICT SET OF TRAITS SIGNIFY TRUE **SKRULLS**. THE REST ARE **IMPERFECT**-- BET THEY'D **LOVE** THAT I'M HALF **KREE**.

YEARS AGO, AFTER ASSASSINATING **SKRULL** SCIENTISTS, THEY WERE **EXILED** TO THE PRISON WORLD **KLARR**.

BUT ONE LED A REVOLT-- **A'KRO**. HE NOW RULES **KLARR**. MY **PREDECESSORS** HAD PROOF...

...THEY **HID** IT. THE **BLOOD SKRULLS** WERE OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND.



A'KRO ELEVATED
BLOOD SKRULLS WITH
THE **HIGHEST** ALIEN
BODY COUNT.

ONE OF HIS
TROOPS KILLED THE
ARCHSISTERHOOD AS
THEY SLEPT--FOR A
PROMOTION.



THESE ARE **TERRORISTS**...
GANYMEDE'S ANGER
ISN'T UNJUSTIFIED.

A'KRO'S ORDER
LEFT **THOUSANDS**
DEAD. BUT **I'M** ON
THE **THRONE**. I...I
HATE THIS.

I HATE IT.
I WASN'T **HERE** TO
SAVE THESE PEOPLE.
NOW...I DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO DO.



YOU **COULD**
CLOSE YOUR
EYES AND SALT
OLD WOUNDS...
DON'T.

ACCEPT THIS.
SANCTION THE
BLOOD SKRULLS. BUT
NOT BEFORE A **BOLD**
GESTURE TOWARD
HEALING.



SO, WHAT? **I**
SHOULD GO TO
KLARR AND ARREST
THEM MYSELF?

IN TIME. FIRST,
SHOW THAT THE
THRONE FAVORS
JUSTICE. ALLOW
GANYMEDE HER
SATISFACTION.

A **GESTURE**,
RIGHT. WELL, **THIS**
SHOULD COVER IT.



THE **STAR-SWORD**
SYMBOLIZES THE
ALLIANCE. IT
ANSWERS **ONLY**
TO ME AND THOSE
I **PERMIT**.

IF PASSING IT
TO YOU AND TO
GANYMEDE ISN'T
GOOD **FAITH**,
NOTHING IS.



SEE? HE'S A
GENIUS, RIGHT?
AND SPEAKING
OF GIFTS...

OH MY.

CLASSICALLY
TO EMBLEM
WISDOM

**KLARR, FORMER SKRULL PRISON WORLD.
CURRENT BLOOD SKRULL STRONGHOLD.**

ADMIT IT,
GOOD WITCH--
YOU'RE ENJOYING
THE BATTLE!



ARE
YOU?

THE
BLOOD SKRULLS
HAVE **STOLEN**
YOUR **SISTERS'**
FACES.

**STOLEN, BUT
AREN'T. I CARE
LITTLE IF THEY
WON'T SHOW THEIR
TRUE FORMS TO
OUTSIDERS...**





...WHEN THEY **BREAK** SO EASILY.



<FILTHY HARDFORMS! YOU SOIL OUR WORLD JUST BY TOUCHING IT!>*

SUCH WARM WORDS ALMOST MAKE ME REGRET MY LINGUISTIC ENCHANTMENT.

*TRANSLATED FROM SKRULLKROV.



<YOU MAY HIDE BEHIND A FALSE FACE, A'KRO-- BUT I KNOW YOU!>

<YOUR SPINSTER LITTERMATES WERE NOTHING! BUT YOU HAVE HEART--IT IS RESPECTABLE!>



IF THIS IS BLOOD SKRULL HOSPITALITY--IT'S LACKING.

BOOM



<I'LL TAKE YOUR HEAD FOR A LATRINE!>

BOOM



GANYMEDE--

--EYES UP!



<BAD NEWS, A'KRO.>



<I'LL BE KEEPING MY HEAD. BUT I'LL GLADLY HAND YOU YOURS...>

<...ONCE I'VE CARVED FREE YOUR TRUE FACE>

<YOU DON'T DESERVE THE SIGHT OF IT.>



<YOUR WEAPONS ARE SPENT, HARDFORM. YOUR FLESH IS FROZEN AND WEAK!>

<YOU'RE DEFENSELESS!>



<YOU SEEK VENGEANCE, SPINSTER. BUT THERE IS NO CRIME TO AVENGE!>

<BLOOD SKRULLS CULL THE IMPERFECT BY RIGHT--LET ME DEMONSTRATE!>

<I'LL LET YOU BARE YOUR NECK, YOU RANK SCH'MAG.>



ONE QUESTION, MY FRIENDS. AND I'LL ASK IN YOUR TONGUE...

<...BECAUSE YOU'VE ALL SHOWN SUCH CONFIDENCE.>

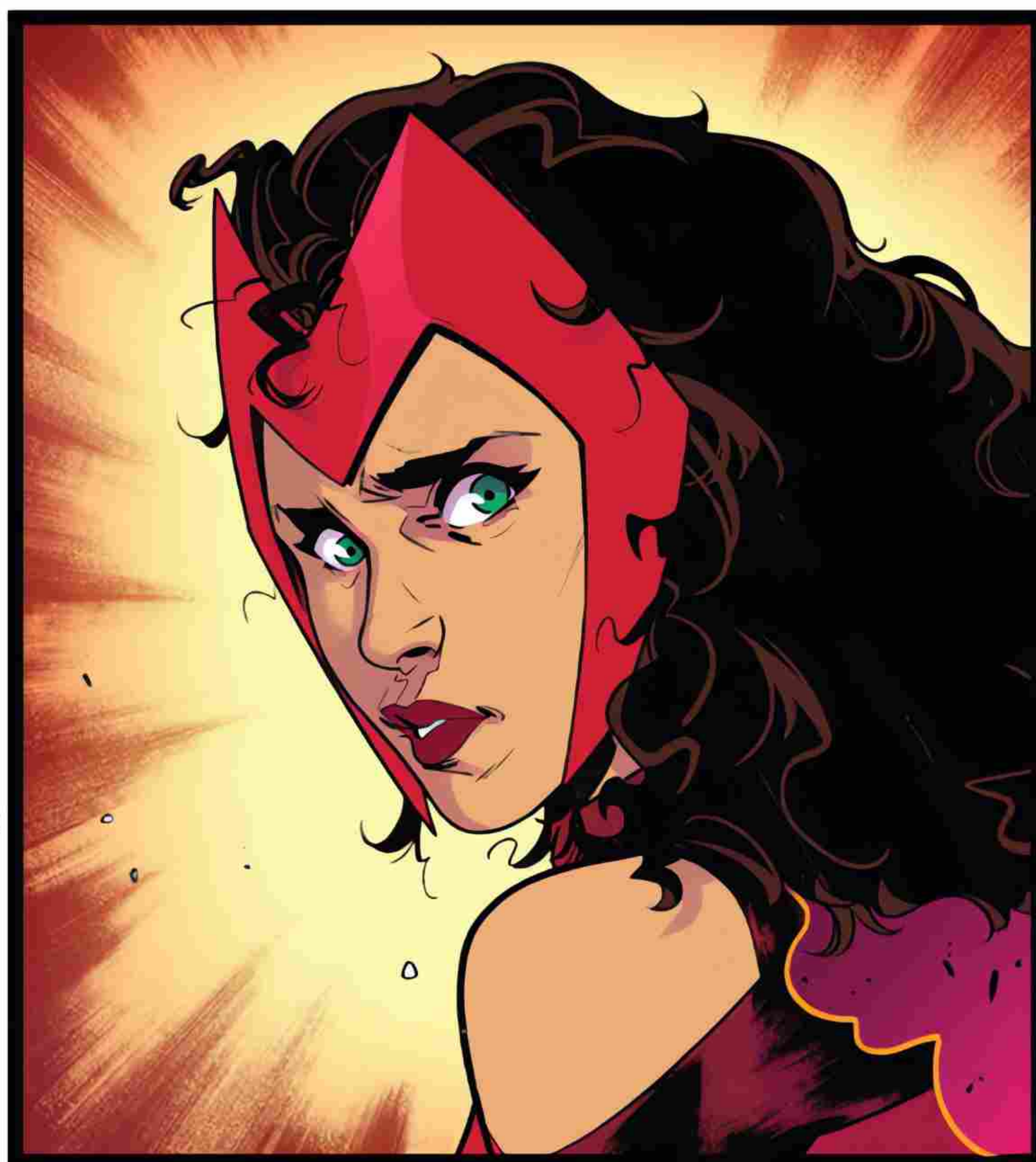


<DO I LOOK DEFENSELESS?>





I SEE YOU,
A'KRO.



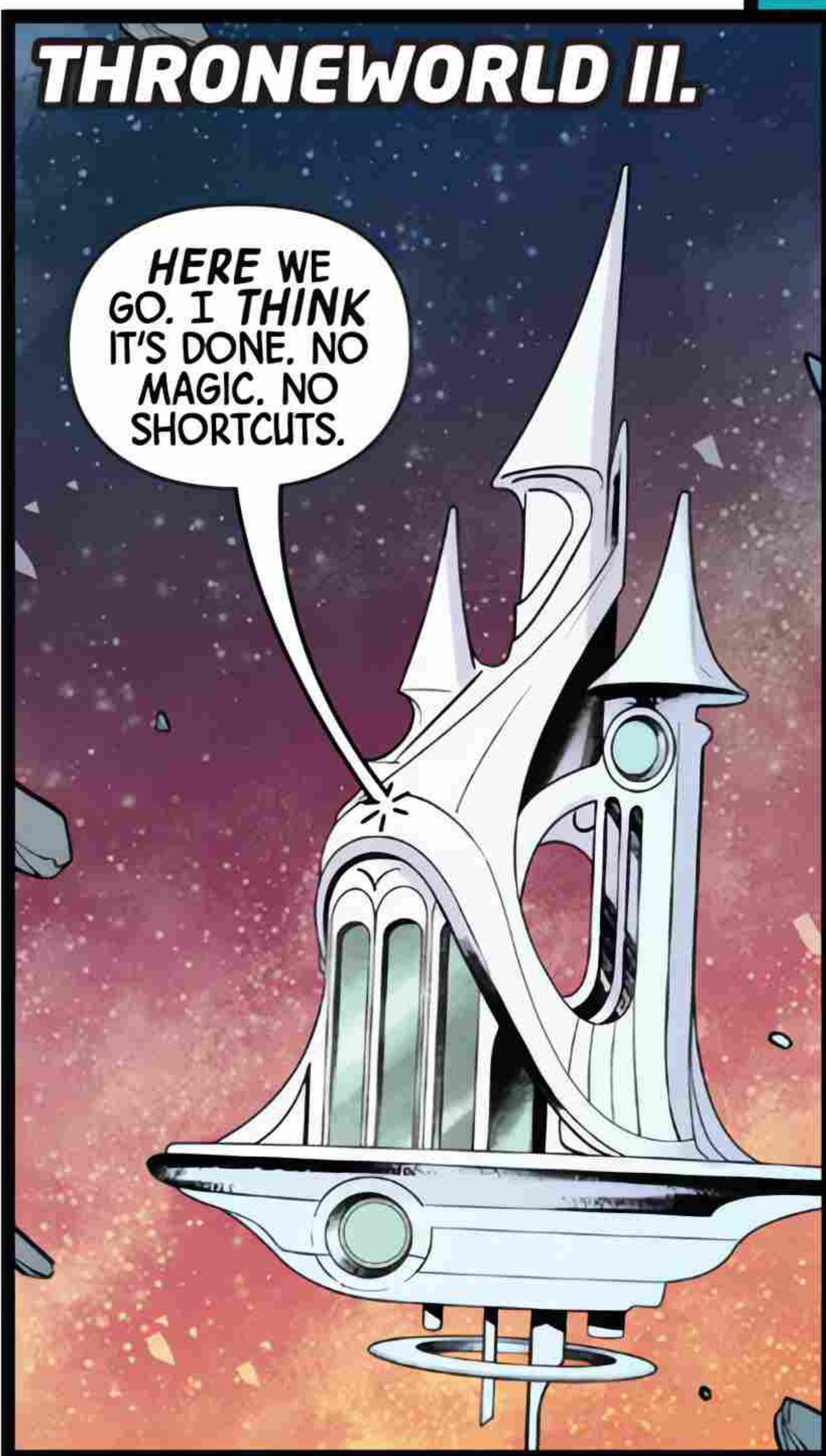
AND
YOU'RE RIGHT
WHERE YOU
BELONG.

THUD



THRONeworld II.

HERE WE GO. I THINK IT'S DONE. NO MAGIC. NO SHORTCUTS.



MANY-ANGLED CAKES WITH T'MANJA BERRY JAM. PART SKRULL. PART KREE.

I'M TRYING FOR FUSION FOOD. MAYBE IT'S STUPID, BUT PEOPLE COMMUNE OVER MEALS.

AND A UNITED FOOD CULTURE COULD HELP UNITE OUR CULTURE CULTURE, YOU KNOW?

WONDERFUL. I'VE NEVER BEEN MUCH OF A COOK. NOR HAS YOUR UNCLE, AS IT INVOLVES PATIENCE.



MY MOM WAS. IS. MY BIO-MOM, I MEAN. I COULD TELL SHE WAS COOKING BRISKET THREE STATES AWAY.

REBECCA WOULD BE PROUD TO SEE HOW FAR YOU'VE COME. I CERTAINLY AM.

THANK YOU FOR BREAKFAST. AND FOR THE TRUEFLESH SPELL. THE BLOOD SKRULLS DID NOT LOVE IT.

I'M GLAD IT WORKED. BUT I DIDN'T SAVE THE ALLIANCE TODAY. YOU DID.



I HELPED US FORWARD. TO THE BLOOD SKRULLS, TEDDY HAS PERSONALLY DELIVERED JUSTICE.

AND TO GANYMEDE--BOTH CLEMENCY AND REVENGE. HIS REIGN IS BETTER FOR IT.

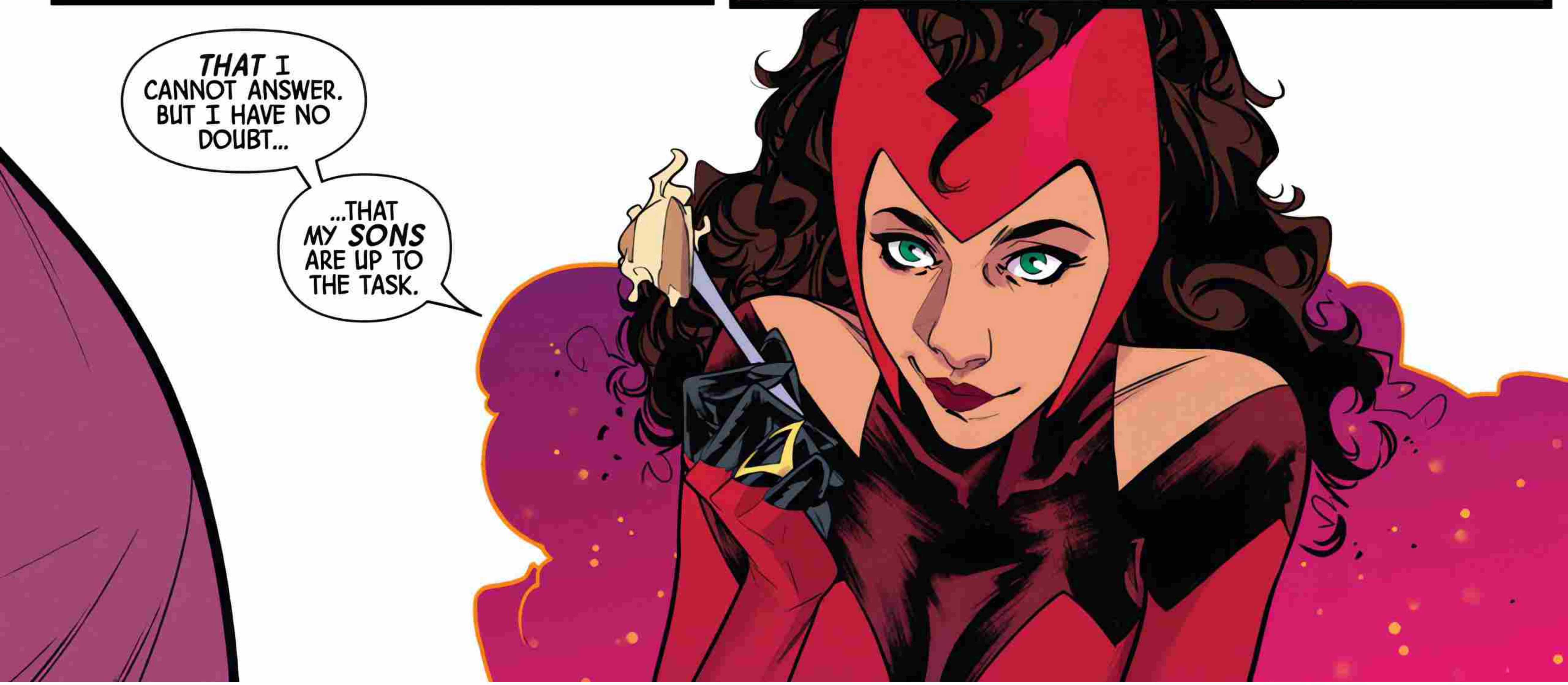
HONESTLY, THE REIGNING PART COMES EASY ENOUGH. WHAT'S NEXT IS HARDER. LIKE...

...HOW DO WE LEAVE THIS THING BETTER THAN WE FOUND IT?



THAT I CANNOT ANSWER. BUT I HAVE NO DOUBT...

...THAT MY SONS ARE UP TO THE TASK.



LOTKILL,
NEW YORK.

Emporium

BOSS! NO
WORRIES, I
OPENED UP AND
DONATED YOUR
WEIRD MOUNTAIN
OF CHIPS.

IT'S BEEN
SLOW. SO I
KEPT LOOKING
INTO YOUR
NECKLACE...

...THE **MAGIC-PROOF**
ONE. NOT THE ONE BOB
THE CAT MAN GAVE
YOU. **THAT ONE** I
THREW OUT.

ANYWAY.
I DUG AROUND.
TURNS OUT THERE'RE
REPORTS OF THIS
WEIRD ROCK GOING
WAY BACK--

WAIT. MY
MOUTH'S SPRINTING
AGAIN. WHERE'VE YOU
BEEN?

VISITING
MY **SON** AT
HIS INTERGALACTIC
EMPIRE, DARC.
FIGHTING ALIEN
FASCISTS WITH
A **WARRIOR**
MONK.

GANYMEDE
WAS...**TESTY**. I
BROUGHT HER TO
SCYTHIA. THEY'RE
SURE TO GET ALONG
FAMOUSLY.

RIGHT, COOL. LOVE
SCYTHIA. HAD SOME
LAUGHS, ME
AND HER.

SO THE
ROCKS'VE BEEN
AROUND FOR DECADES,
BUT **MYSTERIUM'S**
BRAND NEW,
RIGHT?

HOW DO YOU
GET A **DERIVATIVE**
OF SOMETHING BEFORE
IT EXISTS? THEN THIS
FOX COMES IN.

I'M TALKING
SILVER HERE. BUT
HE'S TOTALLY GOT
A WAY WITH--

ZIPPP



METAL.

IT--
IT CAN'T BE...
MAGNETO?

FATHER?

**NEXT:
MAGIC AND
MAGNETISM!**

SCARLET LETTERS

I just wanted to express how great this SCARLET WITCH series is. I've read and bought every issue so far from the day that they first released, and I just bought SCARLET WITCH #5 today! I think it has been really amazing so far, and I can't wait to read more. My favorite part about the whole thing is that she is finally not allowing her past to haunt her anymore. I'm glad she's finally becoming free from not only Chthon but her own past mistakes, and I think it's very beautiful. Another thing I think is beautiful is the art--these comics have been illustrated so perfectly, and it's very pleasing to read! All in all, I've just been loving everything about this, and I wanted to thank you for making us Wanda fans happy!

Cam

Thank you so, so much, Cam! Along with the entire creative team, we appreciate your staunch support not just of us, but of Wanda's journey as a hero! We're always trying to challenge Wanda. That's how she gets stronger--that's how any of us get stronger--but just as exciting is guiding her to the points where she overcomes the challenges. It's wonderful to hear the book's been connecting for you!

Dear SCARLET WITCH team,
Never have I felt so cozy and at home in a comic book than on Wanda's couch in the Emporium, as she sips tea with Darcy or one of the other characters we've encountered through these first few issues. From the stunning artwork to these miraculous encounters that feel both familiar and strange, everything about this series is perfect.

I've been a longtime X-MEN reader, but this is one of my first times really branching out beyond that. I love seeing homage paid to Wanda's time in those circles, seeing how she truly is healing and moving on from the scars of her past. Storm speaking to her about Magneto's passing was heartwarming, and their team-up at the end of issue #2 was excellent. Is there any chance we'll see more of that duo in the future?

All in all, an amazing start to what will surely be an amazing series.

Bubble, bubble, dear editors,
Calliope B.

Welcome to Lotkill, Calliope, from the world of X-Men and Krakoa! We're happy to have you--both me and everyone who works on the book. And Stephanie too! I was so happy to have her be part of the second issue and feature that killer team-up with Storm. And hey, Wanda might've even picked up a few tricks from Ororo, as you saw in this issue. As far as Ororo returning--I hope so! We've got a ton of plans for the book and for who might next come through the Last Door. Here's hoping they'll be stepping off the page before your eyes soon!

Steve, Sara, Russell, et al.,
I'm really enjoying this latest run of SCARLET WITCH. It's lovely to see Wanda in a good place, working through her trauma and helping others through theirs. Wanda really got the short end of the stick for so many years, so it's nice to

see her continuing journey toward happiness. I love the addition of Darcy too. Familiar enough to MCU fans, but with some nuance and backstory for the comics. I hope she pops up in some other books as well--she could be the Rick Jones of the current Marvel age!

Magneto just showed up on the last page of issue #5, and I, for one, am very excited to see where that storyline could go.

All best,
Grant

Thank you, Grant! Darcy has been a blast to include in the book--a perfect moment of kismet during the book's initial planning. I would love for Darcy to spread beyond the streets of Lotkill! At minimum, we've got to get her and Zelma from STRANGE ACADEMY together so they can trade hats. As for the last page of issue five, well...you said it, not me. There IS a certain magnetism to the man.

Hello, team SCARLET WITCH!

First off, I want to preface this letter by saying that, with this series, this is the first time that I'm really diving into the world of Wanda Maximoff/the Scarlet Witch. I've been familiar with Wanda through her various affiliations with teams like the Avengers, but this is the first time I'm really looking directly into a solo Wanda-focused series. And it's been fantastic. I'm already a big fan of Steve Orlando's writing, so seeing what he brings to Wanda and the various situations she's found herself in has been a joy to read. Plus, the artwork that Sara Pichelli has been bringing to this book has been some of the best art I've seen in a super-hero book in a LONG time. Not to mention the BEAUTIFUL covers by artist Russell Dauterman. But this leads me to my question. At the time of my writing this, only the first four issues of the book have been released, but we get a peek at the upcoming issue #6, which will see Wanda running into her son Wiccan and his husband, Hulkling. So, what I wish to know is, what's it like bringing Wiccan and Hulkling into the book, and what is it like writing the scenes that feature Billy and Wanda together?

Much love,
Owen Seyler

It's been a blast featuring Wanda and Billy together! And the same goes for her and her son-in-law, the King of All Space. It'll go for SPEED too, if our plans work out. What's great about Wiccan and Wanda, as well as Speed and Wanda, is that their relationship manages to be nurturing and caring, while also the epitome of the strangeness we all love from comics. These are Wanda's reincarnated children, reborn to biological parents who are not Wanda. In essence, they've got two sets of parents. And as someone who has in-laws who are adopted, I find the nuances there very interesting even if they're not the same. I'm happy to have Wiccan mention his biological mother here to Wanda and acknowledge that one doesn't cancel the other out. It's just a new type of blended family, maybe the most comics family in the Marvel Universe. But that's what makes it interesting!

Hi, SCARLET WITCH Team!

My name is Sam, and I live in the Philippines, but I get your issues delivered here (a week late, but it's worth it), and I have been LOVING this series! The way it focuses so closely on all of its characters makes for such fresh issues every month. I just love how Scarlet Witch is such an insanely powerful character, but you've put her in these very low-stakes adventures instead of the usual "the universe is about to end" scenarios. That way, we can really focus on her and the other amazing characters in this run, which I think is just perfect for this series. Can't wait to see what else you guys have coming up!

Samuel Mackenzie
Manila, Philippines

Thank you so much, Sam! We all couldn't be happier that the book's working for you and that you're enjoying Wanda's new point of view. By the time these answers hit, you'll see we've gone plenty universal with Wanda's power in SCARLET WITCH ANNUAL as well as the story in this very issue. It's all about balance! Wanda's a hero who can do both--and we love her for that. There's even more on the way!

I'd been so excited about issue #3 since I saw the cover during preorders. Obviously, Wanda is a favorite of mine, and it's been great to see Darcy, Pietro and Viv, but I really love Polaris, and getting to see the sisters interact again fills me with joy. The panels in this issue are beautiful, and the story is great. I must admit, I found myself getting a little emotional at the end when Wanda allows herself to be vulnerable, and Polaris tells her "you're enough." They're two words that can mean a lot to the people who are always trying to do things to make other people's lives better in some way, especially if their motivation is guilt from the past. Anywho, can't wait till the next issue!

Gentry

Great to hear from you, Gentry! And trust me, I'm right there with you on Polaris. I've been fascinated by her since I was picking up X-Reprints as a kid. And then later on, I still remember her displays of power and skill in X-FACTOR. I believe that was the era she stopped either Hulk or Sabretooth or both by stopping the flow of iron in his blood to his brain (fact-checkers... begin!). Iconic behavior for sure! Very happy as well that Lorna's words to Wanda connected with you at the end of the issue. We're all very proud of that quiet scene--and I think it's emblematic of how your family, be they blood or chosen, are people around whom you can be vulnerable in a way that's very special. We're often expected to have that social armor on at all times. For Wanda, and for all of us, it's key to have folks around whom the armor can come down.

Steve Orlando

Hiya, paying customers, window-shoppers and passersby alike!

You may have noticed a handsome new face around the shop! That's just my friend's cousin, Joe. His relationship recently lost its magnetism, and he's in a bad way for a little bit. You may think with us for a little bit. You may think he looks familiar, but it's just because he's got one of those faces. Totally no relation to anyone you may or may not have seen in the news.

-Darcy

NEXT:
SCARLET WITCH #7
JOURNEY INTO OZ!

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